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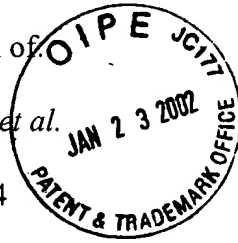
In re Patent Application of

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Amendments and Reply

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001 (paper number 5), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the title of the application with the following new title:

NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ASSOCIATED WITH PLANTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16, and ending on page 5, line 25, with the following paragraph:

Similarity analysis includes database search and alignment. Examples of public databases include the DNA Database of Japan (DDBJ) (www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/); Genbank (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/web/Genbank/Index.html); and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory Nucleic Acid Sequence Database (EMBL)

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